

Georgia to Lead Creation of Software Exchange

Public sector agencies will soon be able to cut down on software development costs through a National Software Component Exchange. The online exchange will enable state and local governments to post software components they developed so other agencies can reuse them.

The Georgia Technology Authority (GTA) is finalizing a contract with ComponentSource of Atlanta for creation of the exchange. Software to support child welfare and case management is an example of a common need among states.

"State and local governments can obtain tremendous value from this kind of collaborative component exchange," says Larry Singer, chief information officer for the state of Georgia and GTA executive director.

"The benefits include reduced risks, cost and time to find or develop components as well as enhanced ability to capture and share best practices."

Commercial software developers can also post products on the exchange for agencies to try out before making a final purchase. As a result, developers can reach a larger number of potential customers, and agencies can more easily find the components they need.